

What is claimed is:

1. Motor vehicle roof, comprising:

a fixed roof skin,

a roof opening in the roof skin,

a cover for opening and closing said roof opening,

a displacement mechanism for moving the cover between a closed position closing the roof opening, a ventilation position in which the cover is pivoted upward around a pivot axis near a front edge of the cover so as to have a rear edge of the cover located above the height of the roof skin, and an open position in which at least a portion of the upwardly pivoted cover is pushed to rearward over the fixed roof skin, and

a support lever for supporting a rear area of cover in said open position, said support lever being coupled at one end to a rear area of the cover and at an opposite end is guided in a guide rail located underneath the roof skin, the support lever and the guide rail being located essentially in a transversely central portion of the motor vehicle roof.

2. Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein a section of the fixed roof skin located behind the roof opening is formed by a transparent roof plate which extends laterally into areas of vehicle body side members in an installed state of the roof.

3. Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of a section of the fixed roof skin located behind the roof opening and the cover are transparent.

4. Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein the roof is a prefabricated roof module for installation as a unit on a roof frame of a vehicle body.

5. Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein the roof skin comprises stationary panels located rearward of the roof opening.

6. Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein the roof skin comprises removable panels located rearward of the roof opening.

7. Motor vehicle, comprising:

- a vehicle body having a roof frame with vehicle body side members,

- a fixed roof skin,

- a roof opening in the roof skin,

- a cover for opening and closing said roof opening,

- a displacement mechanism for moving the cover between a closed position closing the roof opening, a ventilation position in which the cover is pivoted upward around a pivot axis near a front edge of the cover so as to have a rear edge of the cover located above the height of the roof skin, and an open position in which at least a portion of the upwardly pivoted cover is pushed to rearward over the fixed roof skin, and

- a support lever for supporting a rear area of cover in said open position, said support lever being coupled at one end to a rear area of the cover and at an opposite end is guided in a guide rail located underneath the roof skin, the support lever and the guide rail being located essentially in a transversely central portion of the motor vehicle roof.

8. Motor vehicle as claimed in claim 7, wherein a section of the fixed roof skin located behind the roof opening is formed by a transparent roof plate which extends laterally into areas of the vehicle body side members.

9. Motor vehicle as claimed in claim 7, wherein at least one of a section of the fixed roof skin located behind the roof opening and the cover are transparent.

10. Motor vehicle as claimed in claim 7, wherein the roof is a prefabricated roof module installed as a unit on the roof frame of the vehicle body.

11. Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 7, wherein the roof skin comprises stationary panels located rearward of the roof opening.

12. Motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 7, wherein the roof skin comprises removable panels located rearward of the roof opening.